



Building Together

FY 2023-2024
Aviva Family and Children's Services
Impact Report





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~ Amber Rivas, President & CEO, Aviva

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Momentum *with Meaning*

Milestones that reflect our commitment to healing, hope, and human dignity.

Every achievement this year was driven by one goal: to help children and families across Los Angeles feel safe, supported, and seen. Whether through compassionate mental health services, affirming safe spaces or advocacy for systemic change, Aviva is building a more just future—one person, one family at a time.

Expanding Access to Mental Health Care

This year, we reached more individuals through our mental health programs—ensuring that children and families have the tools they need to heal, grow, and thrive.

Investing in People Who Care

By attracting skilled, compassionate professionals, we're deepening the quality and consistency of care our clients receive every day.

Centering Healing Through Trauma-Informed Care

Launching our trauma-informed care initiative rooted in the Risking Connection® model, we helped staff provide care that recognizes the complex emotional realities our clients face.

Advocating for Change That Lasts

Through active participation in coalitions and deeper engagement with elected officials, we're helping to shape the policies that impact the lives of the children, youth, and families we serve.

MESSAGE FROM AVIVA'S PRESIDENT & CEO, AMBER RIVAS

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on this past year, we are filled with gratitude and pride for the progress we have made together. This has been a year of transformation, growth, and renewed commitment to our mission. At the heart of our work is the belief that strong families build strong communities. Through strategic leadership, deep community partnerships, and an unwavering focus on the well-being of those we serve, we have strengthened the core of our programs to create lasting change for children, youth, and families across Los Angeles.

By securing funding for our *Lifting Youth Up* Drop-In Center for unhoused and LGBTQ+ youth in Hollywood, we are creating a safe space for some of the most marginalized young people in our city. We have surpassed our mental health service provider goals, and we've provided critical care to more individuals than ever before, equipping them with the tools to thrive.

These milestones were possible because of our investment in people—recruiting and retaining top talent, promoting dedicated leaders like Kim Peterson to Chief Operating Officer, and welcoming fresh perspectives from leaders like Priscilla Valencia, our Vice President of Development. We also launched the Aviva Leadership Development Academy, ensuring that we continue to cultivate the next generation of leaders committed to serving our community. Our trauma-informed initiatives—such as the adoption of Risking Connection®—equip staff at every level with the knowledge and skills to understand and apply trauma-informed care and responses.

Beyond our programs, we have strengthened our presence in the community, forging deeper partnerships with organizations like Hollywood 4WRD, the Hollywood Homeless Youth Partnership, the Hollywood Partnership, and the Hollywood Media BID. Through legislative advocacy, we are working to influence policies that directly impact the lives of those we serve, amplifying our mission beyond our walls.

All of this is driven by our steadfast commitment to creating brighter futures for all Angelenos. Thank you for being part of this journey—we couldn't do it without you.



With gratitude,

Amber Rivas, MSW
President & CEO, Aviva

“*With your support, we are transforming lives, strengthening families, and building a more resilient, compassionate community.*”

When Families Face Challenges, *Aviva Steps In*

Mental health care, foster & adoption services, and supportive housing—all under one roof of compassion.



Intensive Community Based Services

Intensive community-based services provided by multidisciplinary teams. We use a strength-based approach to empower families to lead their own treatment and keep the home stable.

Mental Health Services
Meeting mental health needs of children and families in their own environment through collaboration between client, family and Aviva's professional staff.



Foster & Adoption Services

Integrated programming to secure safe, loving homes for children (from birth to age 21) in Los Angeles County, treatment for children who are high-risk/high-need, Relative Support Services and Relative Home Assessment Services.

Interim Supportive Housing Program
Wallis House provides a home and hope with a tapestry of services including interim housing, food, essential resources, therapeutic care and case management to our residents and their families.



**The Los Angeles County Office of
Education reports approximately
28,000 students are in foster care ...**


... each with hopes, dreams, and 28,000
reasons to build a better bridge
of care and connection.

Across Los Angeles, children need safe spaces
and loving homes that support their journey
to independent and thriving lives. Foster and
adoptive parents play an essential role.

**By becoming a resource parent
you can transform a life.**

Scan here to learn more:





*“Saying ‘yes’ can
change a life—not only
theirs, but ours too.”*



When Love *Takes Root*

Stephanie Wooten never imagined that one simple conversation would lead to a life filled with purpose, resilience, and 49 children whose lives—and hearts—found a home.

By Stephanie Wooten

Our niece had discovered that one of her friends was in foster care, and she shared this with me and my husband. She said, “Our home has enough love to go around,” and that simple statement planted a seed in our hearts. It made me realize that my family and I might have the capacity to foster.

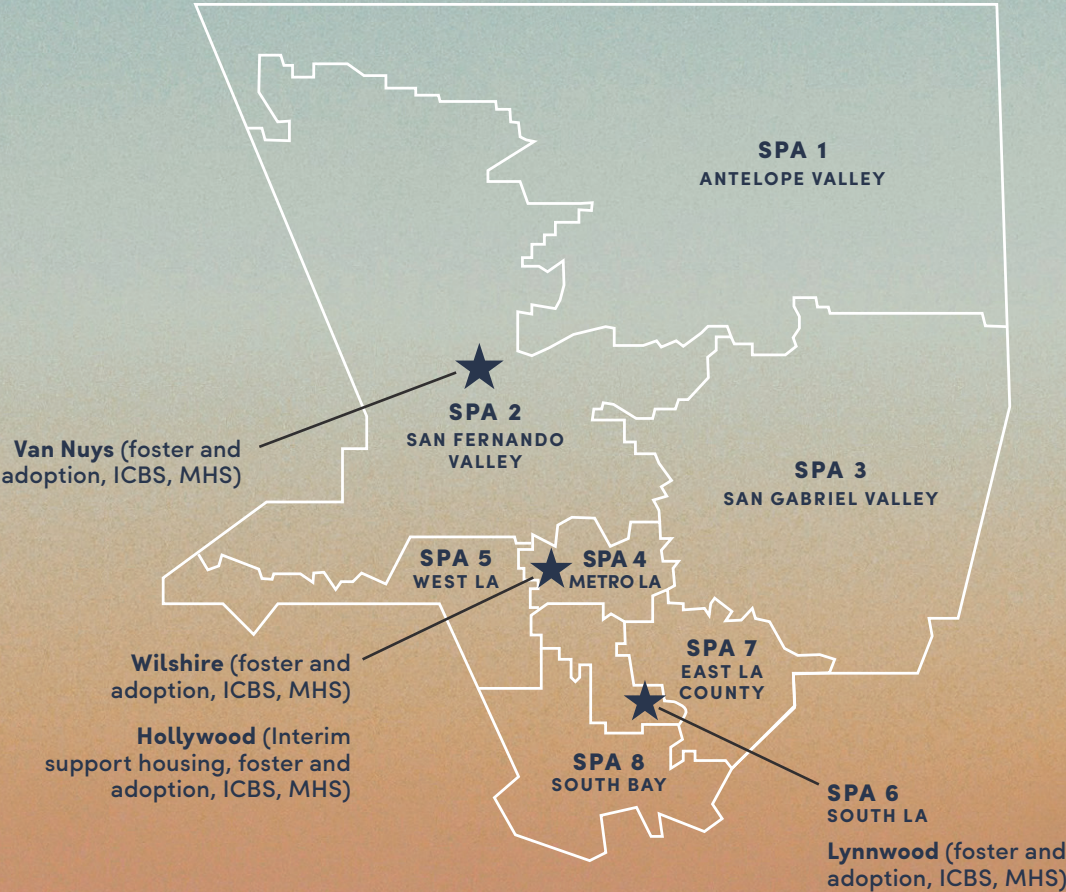
Not long after, I had a conversation with a friend who shared that they were fostering children, and they suggested we look into Aviva Family and Children's Services. After discussing it with my family, we decided to go through the process and try fostering, just to feel it out and see how it would affect our family. From a young age, I loved babysitting, and that quickly grew into a rewarding career as a nanny and teacher—sparking my passion for caregiving along the way.

In the first six months, we welcomed thirteen placements, a clear reflection of the urgent need for safe, loving homes for youth in foster care. Since then, we've continued to foster, taking every opportunity to attend training, join support groups, and rely on the incredible support and services Aviva offers.

Opening our home has been a truly rewarding journey for us.

Bridging Communities *Across L.A. County*

We deliver comprehensive services across Los Angeles County, anchored by four offices in key Service Planning Areas (SPAs). Our footprint is wide and our impact runs deep.



Mental Health Services (MHS) | Intensive Community Based Services (ICBS) | Foster Family Agency (FFA) programs

Impact *Data*

Every family we serve, every life we touch, is a step toward a brighter future. These are more than data points.

Every number tells a story of possibility.



Children, youth and families turn to Aviva for services every year



The number of foster youth served during FY23-24



Wallis House residents/ families served



Families served by Relative Support Services (RSS) and Relative Home Assessment Services (RHAS).

Service Provider Area	# of Families Served
SPA 2	165
SPA 4	217
SPA 6	313



Families served by Service Provider area for our Mental Health Services (MHS), Intensive Community Based Services (ICBS) and Foster Family Agency (FFA) programs.

Service Provider Area	# of Families Served
SPA 2	250
SPA 4	562
SPA 6	166

Where the Light Got In: *A Story of Healing, Hope, and Home*

Pamela Haynes & Samara Haynes

For Pamela and her daughter Samara, Wallis House offered not just shelter—but a path to possibility, dignity, and joy.

I want to share how a simple seed of hope blossomed into something life-changing for my daughter, Samara, and me at Wallis House.

My daughter Samara and I have faced more than our share of struggles, but it was in a place we never expected that we would find a second chance.

I was born in Jackson, Mississippi, and spent much of my childhood in foster care, drifting from place to place. It was a life without roots, without stability. Things took a turn when Samara and I experienced a traumatic attack, a moment that shook us to the core. But I knew, with everything in me, I had to be strong for her.

We moved to Los Angeles hoping for a new beginning. But soon, our world became unsafe, and we found ourselves homeless. That's when I was guided by my Social Worker to Wallis House—a place that sounded almost too good to be true: a safe home, warm meals, job services, and our own room.



In January 2024, we stepped through the door, and it was everything we needed—a safe, clean, and welcoming space that felt like it had been waiting just for us.

The staff there cared deeply, and I'll never forget the feeling of seeing Samara enjoy three hot meals a day. For the first time in a long while, we didn't feel alone. The Case Managers helped Samara register for school, and it felt like we were slowly, gently, being lifted from the shadows.

Nine months later, we found a permanent home just down the street. Samara is thriving, learning guitar, and making new friends.

Wallis House didn't just offer us shelter; it gave us the space to heal, the tools to grow and to rebuild our lives.

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~ Pamela Haynes





“They didn’t just hear my story—they understood it. That kind of care changes everything. It reminded me that I’m not broken, I’m healing.”

Building a Trauma-Informed Culture: *Empowering Our Team*

Empowering our team with the knowledge and tools to meet trauma with empathy, equity, and care.

In December 2023, our first cohort completed trauma-informed care training through the Traumatic Stress Institute. The Risking Connection® initiative focused on addressing race and bias, fostering understanding, and exploring the adverse childhood experiences study.

Emphasizing trauma-informed practices, the training supports our goal of building a compassionate culture. By equipping our team with these tools, we're able to better engage clients, improve health outcomes and promote empathy.

“Genuine professional development involves more than just acquiring knowledge; it's about transforming our interactions to authentically connect with others. This transformation fosters empathy and understanding, leading to stronger client relationships, more inclusive services, and a healthier work environment”

~ Jessica Kang, LMFT
Clinical Director of Intensive
Community Based Services



Building Out Our Drop-In Center: A Timeline

The Journey to *Lifting Youth Up*

Building a place of belonging, healing, and hope for youth in Metro LA

The Vision:

Aviva's proposed *Lifting Youth Up* Drop-In Center was conceived to serve marginalized youth in Los Angeles Service Planning Area 4 (Metro L.A.), ages 16–25 years, who are living in poverty and experience limited access to Behavioral Healthcare with a special emphasis on unhoused and LGBTQ+ individuals in the population.

The California Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI) is a transformative, five-year, \$4.7 billion investment aimed at overhauling the state's approach to mental health and well-being for individuals from birth to age 25. Launched in 2021, CYBHI is a cornerstone of California's Master Plan for Kids' Mental Health, emphasizing equity, accessibility, and a "whole child" approach to care.

The Journey to *Lifting Youth Up*

Building a place of belonging, healing, and hope for youth in Metro LA



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GRANT SUBMISSION

SEPTEMBER, 2023

Aviva formalizes its vision with a comprehensive grant proposal to support the creation of a trauma-informed, equity-focused drop-in center for marginalized and unhoused youth in Service Planning Area 4.



GRANT AWARDED

DECEMBER, 2023

Aviva receives funding through the Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative, a powerful endorsement of its plan to reduce health disparities and expand access to behavioral healthcare for vulnerable youth.

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PLANNING & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

WINTER 2023–SPRING 2024

Aviva begins a collaborative process with youth leaders, clinical staff, and community stakeholders to co-design a welcoming, culturally responsive space rooted in dignity and care.

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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS

JUNE, 2024

Transformation begins on the future site of the *Lifting Youth Up* Drop-In Center. With every wall raised and every room envisioned, the foundation for possibility is laid.

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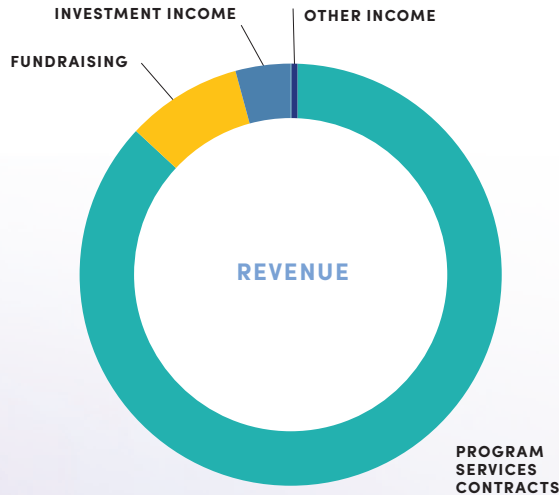
PLANNED OPENING

OCTOBER, 2024

Aviva will proudly open the *Lifting Youth Up* Drop-In Center, creating a vital space of safety, belonging, and empowerment for Los Angeles youth.

Financial Update

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024



Revenue (FY 23-24)

Program Services Contracts	\$17,718,989
Fundraising*	\$1,706,415
Investment Returns	\$909,478
Other Income	\$27,511

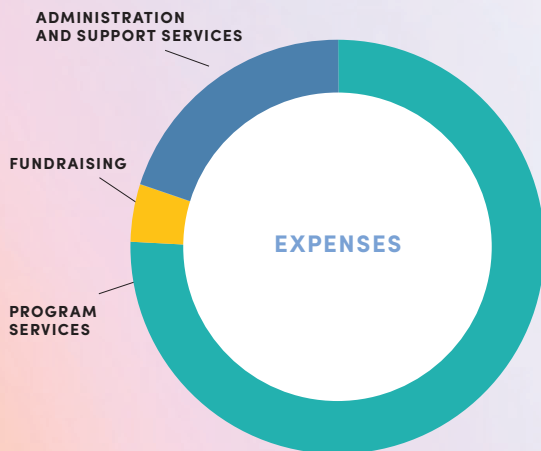
\$20,362,393

* Contributions, grants, in-kind gifts and special events net of related expenses.

Revenue & Support Detail

Foster and Adoption Services	\$3,501,356
Mental Health Services	\$6,637,218
Crisis Intervention Services	\$6,414,575
Intensive Community-Based Services	\$1,165,840
Fundraising: Grants and Contributions	\$1,573,993
Fundraising: Special Events	\$132,422
Net Investment Returns	\$909,478
Other Income	\$27,511

Total Revenue and Support \$20,362,393



Expenses** (FY 23-24)

Program Services	\$13,732,253
Fundraising (excl. special events)	\$633,582
Administrative and Support Services	\$3,607,979

Total Expenses \$17,973,814

** Excludes depreciation.

More than 80% of all money raised goes directly to Aviva Programs and Services.

Operating Expenses Detail

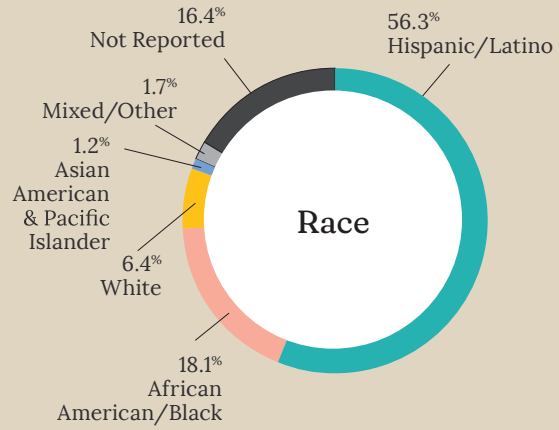
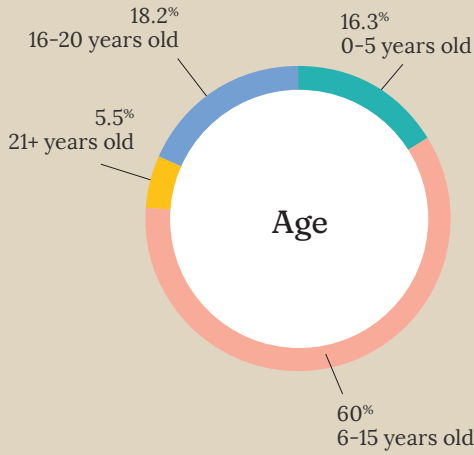
Foster and Adoption Services	\$3,171,262
Mental Health Services	\$4,422,726
Crisis Intervention Services	\$4,959,731
Interim Supportive Housing Services	\$1,178,533
Fundraising	\$633,582
Administrative and Support Services	\$3,607,979

Total Operating Expenses \$17,973,814

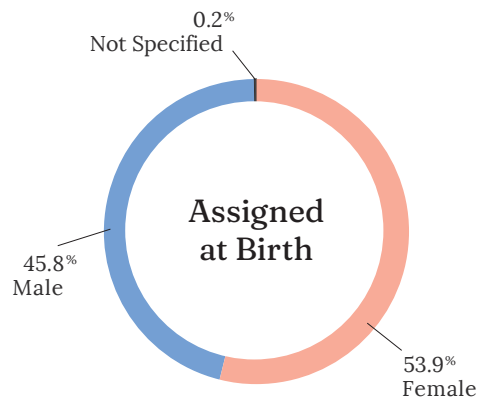
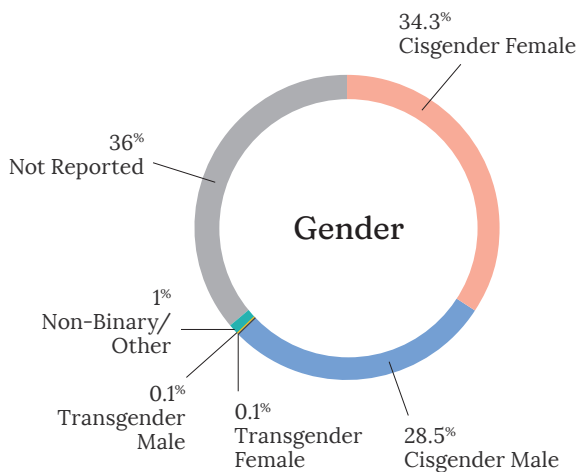
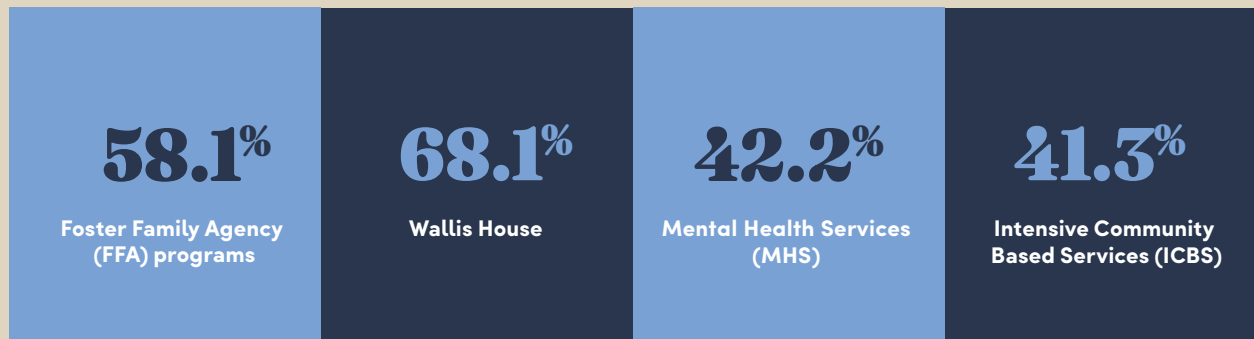
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A diverse demographic of clients.

CLIENT SERVICE METRICS



Percentage of Successful Graduations FY 23-24



THIRTEEN YEARS OF IMPACT: A CHAIR'S FAREWELL LETTER

A Legacy of Service: *Reflections on My Final Year as Board Chair*

As I complete my term as Board Chair, I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to help guide Aviva Family and Children's Services' important work. Over the past 13 years on the Board of Directors, I have witnessed firsthand Aviva's ability to remain steadfast in its mission while adapting to meet the evolving needs of the children, youth, and families we serve.

This past year has been one of meaningful transformation and renewed momentum for Aviva. Under the leadership of President & CEO Amber Rivas, Aviva expanded its services, strengthened its leadership team, launched trauma-informed care initiatives across the agency, and broke ground on the *Lifting Youth Up* Drop-In Center to serve unhoused LGBTQ+ youth in Hollywood. These efforts are ensuring that Aviva's impact will reach even deeper into the communities that need us most.

Despite persistent challenges, including a tight labor market and rising costs, Aviva demonstrated both financial and programmatic resilience throughout FY 2023–2024. Thanks to the support of our partners, donors, and volunteers, Aviva delivered critical services to more than 2,300 individual clients and helped stabilize the lives of over 6,500 children, families, and household members across Los Angeles County.

Although my term as Board Chair concludes, I look forward to continuing to serve on Aviva's Board of Directors. I am proud of the foundation we have built and confident that Aviva's bold leadership, strategic vision, and strong community support will propel the organization forward for many years to come.

Your partnership remains vital to our continued success. Every gift, every hour of service, and every introduction to a new supporter helps us realize our shared vision of stronger families and a stronger Los Angeles.

Thank you for being part of this extraordinary journey. I encourage you to stay engaged, stay inspired, and stay connected.



Jonathan M. Werner, Esq.
Chair



A spirit of connection guided our work. We are grateful for the support we received from public, private and non-profit sectors.



Lifting Up LA Gala 2024

Thank You for Lifting Up LA!

Hosted by Mistress of Ceremonies and Emmy-Winning Lifestyle Host & Executive Producer at CBS Stations

Erica Olsen, we were honored to celebrate three extraordinary individuals who embody the spirit of Aviva's mission:

Rich Valenza, CEO of RaiseAChild, received the Champion of Hope Award for his tireless advocacy encouraging people to nurture children in foster care.

Jonathan M. Werner, Aviva Board Chair, was presented with the Visionary Leadership Award for his thoughtfulness, dedication and strategic guidance.

Isabel Santiago, Aviva Resource Parent, received the Transformation Award for her commitment to nurturing and healing.

Aviva Family and Children's Services extends our heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and supported our 2024 Lifting Up LA Gala at the iconic Avalon in Hollywood. Your presence made this unforgettable evening our most impactful fundraising event of the year—raising critical funds to sustain and expand Aviva's transformative programs for children, youth and families. If you would like to attend future fundraising events, please reach out to development@aviva.org.



Mistress of Ceremonies, Erica Olsen



Aviva Family and Children's Services Board of Directors



Amber Rivas, President & CEO, addresses the gala alongside Sari Kern, Gala Chair and Board Member

Donations *Made Possible By You*

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every donor listed in our impact report.

Your generosity has propelled our mission forward, making a meaningful difference for children and families across Los Angeles. Thank you for believing in our cause and helping us build brighter futures.

LISTING REFLECTS GIFTS MADE JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024.

Heritage Giving \$100,000+

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A Message from our Vice President of Development

I am deeply inspired by the strength of Aviva's mission and the incredible community that supports us. It's an honor to join an organization so committed to uplifting vulnerable children, youth and families.

For this fiscal year my priority is to focus on building a strong development team. Together, we will lay the foundation for a more strategic and connected fundraising program.

I've also begun forming relationships with our Board members, donors and Foundation partners—early conversations that have shown me just how deeply people believe in Aviva's impact.

Fundraising, to me, is about building those kinds of relationships, rooted in trust and shared purpose.

We invite you to be part of this important work. Please contact us to explore how you can support Aviva's mission and impact.

I'm grateful for your support and excited for what's ahead.



With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Priscilla Valencia".

Priscilla Valencia, MNA
Vice President of Development
Aviva Family and Children's Services

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Passing It On...

A Donor. A Volunteer. A Force for Good.

For nearly a decade, Greer Saunders has been one of Aviva’s quiet powerhouses. As a Board Member, Chair of the Platinum Associates, and dedicated volunteer, she has channeled her time, energy, and generosity into transforming the lives of children and families in crisis.

But ask Greer why she does it, and she’ll tell you, simply:

“It’s not about me. It’s about the children—and their chance at a better future.”

A native Angeleno who raised her son here, Greer sees Aviva’s mission through the lens of our Los Angeles community.

“I’ve always believed every child deserves a chance at a better life.”

That belief has shaped her legacy at Aviva. In 2019, Greer played a pivotal role in the renovation of Wallis House, Aviva’s interim supportive housing for women and children in Hollywood. Her efforts helped ensure the space is not only functional, but filled with warmth, dignity, and care.

She didn’t stop there. Greer shows up for birthday celebrations. She coordinates donors behind the scenes. She listens, supports, and quietly makes things happen.

She asks for no spotlight. But her light is impossible to miss.

Greer embodies the spirit of Aviva—steadfast, compassionate, and full of heart. Her story reminds us that lasting impact doesn’t always come from grand gestures. Sometimes, it’s the steady, loving presence of someone who cares deeply—and shows up, again and again.

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